

Major Tasks in 2018 for Implementing the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao

I. Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Parties shall:

1. Cooperate in implementing the plan for development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, discuss and agree on important issues and confirm cooperation projects, and collaborate to implement the plan once it is finalised, and carry out policy interpretation and promotion;
2. Enhance implementation of CEPA, facilitate trade investment, maximise efficiency of cross-border commerce and trade, and boost market integration;
3. Establish a cooperation and coordination mechanism for cross-border financial cooperation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area for handling existing issues through discussion, and promote innovation of the financial industry in the Greater Bay Area;
4. Promote convenient use of the Mainland Travel Permit for Macao Residents, and plan to further relax the policy on Macao-registered vehicles entering and leaving Hengqin;
5. Actively plan for establishment of an international trade platform for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and jointly initiate overseas promotional activities on its investment and business environment;
6. Jointly build up the overall tourism brand and image of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, co-develop tours, and work together in local and overseas tourism promotion; and
7. Jointly facilitate the establishment of an international technology innovation centre in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; study the development of a smart city benchmark system, establish a regular liaison

mechanism, promote cooperative industrial-academic-research activities, and facilitate connections and cooperation between smart cities;

II. Joint Participation in Development of “Belt and Road”

The Parties shall:

8. Facilitate establishment of the “Belt and Road” Legal Services Research Centre, to enhance research on laws, regulations and policies of the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”, and explore ways to provide legal services;

9. Leverage the functions of the headquarters of Cooperation and Development Fund between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries, to provide convenience to Guangdong and Macao enterprises investing in Portuguese-speaking countries, and to facilitate the development of the “Belt and Road”;

10. The Macao Foundation will set up a special “Belt and Road” scholarship to continue supporting young people in Guangdong and Macao in pursuing studies in Portuguese-speaking countries and the countries and regions along the “Belt and Road”; and

11. Enhance cooperation and exchanges between Guangdong and Macao in construction and related works and services, including arranging participation by enterprises in the International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum held in Macao, and facilitating joint participation of construction enterprises from Guangdong and Macao in the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and “Belt and Road”.

III. Improve Infrastructure and Facilitate Convenient Border Crossing

The Parties shall:

12. Expedite the construction and operation of the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge, achieve better planning and space allocation for

major supporting industries - such as logistics, tourism and commerce - and facilitate convenient border crossing;

13. Speed up the construction of the new border crossing between Guangdong and Macao, and jointly facilitate the new cooperation model of “joint inspection and one pass”;

14. Promote cooperative development of Zhuhai and Macao’s aviation industries, develop business flight services, and promote cooperation in air passenger and air freight markets. The Parties shall also optimise the mechanism for cooperation between the five major airports in the Pan Pearl River Delta (PPRD) region, promote liaison and collaboration between the airports, raise the standards for airport construction, operation and management, and jointly explore the airline market;

15. Coordinate the planning and management of airspace in the PPRD region, and enhance the overall airspace utilisation efficiency and air traffic management in the PPRD region. The Parties shall, in accordance with the country’s plan for airspace reform, facilitate the careful management of airspace in the PPRD, and foster its structural optimisation;

16. Ensure security of water supplies to Macao, implement the Cooperation Agreement on Construction of the Fourth Water Supply Pipeline to Macao and the Cooperation Agreement on Construction of Ping Gang - Guang Chang Raw Water Supply Safeguarding Project, expedite construction work for raw water supplies, optimise water supply facilities and systems in Zhuhai and Macao, and further increase the security of Macao’s water supplies;

17. Proceed with construction of the third 220kV power supply line to Macao, and ensure its completion by June 2019; and

18. Increase efforts in the comprehensive dredging of Canal Dos Patos, press ahead with the advanced work for construction of sluices at Wanzai waterway, and strive to expedite construction.

IV. Foster Cooperation in Modern Services and Industries

(A) Financial cooperation

19. Guide enterprises to deliver maximum benefits from the policy on cross-border Renminbi businesses, raise the proportion of settlement of cross-border payments that use Renminbi in Guangdong and Macao, and explore innovation in cross-border Renminbi business.

20. Actively facilitate participation of the insurance industry in the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The Parties shall focus on establishing an international financial hub and developing key sectors in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, actively steer insurance service providers to gather in the Greater Bay Area, thereby providing quality services and solid support for the development of the Greater Bay Area;

21. Support Macao's development of specialised financial services. The Parties shall, in accordance with the country's policy to promote Renminbi settlements in trade with Portuguese-speaking countries, facilitate Macao's development as the Renminbi clearing centre for Portuguese-speaking countries, and help Guangdong enterprises to set up subdivisions in Macao for conducting business with Portuguese-speaking countries, and use Macao as a platform for Renminbi settlements, financing and other financial transactions;

22. Support cross-border cooperation between financial institutions, and support Macao financial institutions with establishing branches in Guangdong;

23. Promote two-way opening of financial markets, facilitate the establishment of cross-border investment businesses such as qualified foreign limited partnerships (QFLPs), and explore the mechanisms for mutual recognition of products, free flow of capital and interconnection of markets;

24. Explore the development of a favourable business environment through commencement of direct payment for e-statements in Guangdong and Macao, strive to promote cross-border application of non-cash payment, promote application of universal mobile payment such as UnionPay QuickPass in various key settings, and enhance interoperability of UnionPay multi-currency cards in Guangdong and Macao, to facilitate convenient payment services; and

25. Foster expansion of the insurance business in Macao. Based on reciprocal acceptance of cross-border automobile insurance, the Parties shall improve the cooperation mechanism for Guangdong-Macao cross-border insurance services, and support coordination between insurance industries in

Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in order to provide services to clients who make cross-border insurance claims.

(B) Cooperation in tourism

The Parties shall:

26. Support the development of Hengqin as an international leisure travel island, and facilitate development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao joint tourism projects; host events including the Sixth Macao International Travel (Industry) Expo and Global Tourism Economy Forum - Macau 2018; and step up efforts in studying collaborative tourism development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; and

27. Expedite the implementation of the free entry scheme for sailing tourism between Guangdong and Macao, and explore the practice of “joint border-crossing inspection at a single berthing point” at the GDFTZ for Macao yachts.

(C) Cooperation in the cultural and creative sector, in the convention and exhibition industry, and in trade investment

The Parties shall:

28. Organise events such as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Pop Culture Festival cum the Fourth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao-Taiwan Micro Film Cultural Exchange Week, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Youth Growth Programme and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Outstanding Youth Conference, and support establishing a cultural and creative industrial park in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area;

29. Support Macao in organising conventions and exhibitions such as the Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) and the Product and Service Exhibition of Portuguese-speaking Countries, co-organise the Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair, and actively participate in the

China Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Products Exhibition in Mumbai, India; and

30. Implement the Memorandum for Strengthening Cooperation in Cross-border e-Commerce, and encourage and promote exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao on cross-border e-commerce businesses.

(D) Cooperation in the Chinese Medicine Industry

The Parties shall:

31. Establish the Guangdong-Macao Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park, the Zhongshan National Health Technology Park and Mount Luofu Chinese Medicine and Tourism Park as pilot schemes for building a pioneering demonstration zone for international healthcare tourism. The parties shall seek support from relevant ministries and commissions at central government level for implementing more convenient testing, certification and approval processes;

32. Improve mechanisms for exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao on food and drug safety, strengthen reporting and feedback, optimise the regional collaboration mechanism, and promote technical supervision, cooperation and exchanges;

33. Support the implementation of international registration and collaborative research on Chinese medicine products, and establish the Public Service Platform for Overseas Registration of Chinese Medicine Products (Hengqin); and

34. Enhance cooperation in cultivating talent between higher educational institutions in Guangdong and Macao, and technical projects related to Chinese medicine, facilitate cooperation in Chinese medicine patent protection, and promote cooperation in utilising Chinese medicine patent information.

(E) Cooperation in professional services

The Parties shall:

35. Enhance cooperation in developing standards applicable to Guangdong and Macao, promote integrated development of measurement technology and testing techniques, and provide quality measurement and calibration services for Guangdong and Macao;

36. Continue refining the mechanism for cooperation in intellectual property between Guangdong and Macao; enhance the project collaboration system; promote cooperation in exchanges and discussions, publicity and training; enhance intellectual property establishment, usage, protection, management and service standards in Guangdong and Macao; and continue assisting Macao candidates with taking the National Qualification Examination for Patent Agents;

37. Enhance sharing of intellectual property information; jointly organise exchanges for public servants in the Pan-Pearl River Delta region who deal with intellectual property; optimise the intellectual property information platform and the intellectual property database covering Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao; provide timely updates on intellectual property policies, regulations and measures; and facilitate the establishment of a cooperative administration mechanism for the intellectual property protection departments of Guangdong and Macao;

38. Facilitate exchanges and visits between intellectual property management authorities of Guangdong and Macao, and organise the South China High-level Forum on Trademarks & Brands 2018; and

39. Implement the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation and Exchange Scheme on Technological Innovation, and arrange for implementation of programme to provide joint assistance in technological development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

IV. Foster Cooperation in Social and Public Services

The Parties shall:

40. Increase cooperation in prevention and control of communicable

diseases and handling of public health emergencies; foster cooperation in prevention of communicable diseases, professional training and exchanges; and deploy clinical specialists to work in Macao hospitals;

41. Increase the ability to respond to public health emergencies, and assess the arrangements for non-emergency medical treatment and cross-border medical transport and referral to ensure they are convenient for Macao residents;

42. Implement the mutual recognition and cooperation arrangements between the search and rescue authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao on the Cooperation Plan for Search and Rescue Services and Passenger Ships, enhance cooperation in maritime emergency rescues, and ensure safety of passenger vessels in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao waters;

43. Strengthen cooperation between Guangdong and Macao police, enhance exchanges of intelligence, continue with special operations against smuggling of illegal immigrants across the Guangdong-Macao boundary, and jointly combat cross-border crimes, to ensure public security and stability in Guangdong and Macao;

44. Continue implementing the Cooperation Agreement on Regional Air Pollution Control and Prevention Between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and maintain and optimise the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network;

45. Commence cooperation in planning development of meteorology, formulate the Meteorology Development Plan for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Plan for Creating a Sophisticated Meteorology Observation System for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and jointly raise the standard of public services regarding meteorological disaster prevention and mitigation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area metropolis;

46. Transfer scrapped vehicles and inert construction waste from Macao to Guangdong for processing, in line with the country's plan;

47. Continue enhancing cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao regarding marine ecology, protection of marine life and related education work, as well as exchanges and cooperation in studying marine ecology. The Parties shall organise a touring exhibition featuring winning

entries of the Fourth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Marine Life Drawing Competition, and plan the Fifth Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Marine Life Drawing Competition;

48. Continue revising the Regulations on Employment of Local Fishing Workers by Mobile Fishermen in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and seek permission for employment of fishing workers from other provinces to alleviate the hardship faced by mobile fishermen in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. The Parties shall rationalise the process and tackle the management problems related to granting permits that support mobile fishing vessels, to ensure stability for the fleet of mobile fishermen;

49. Organise the Guangdong-Macao Food Safety Exchange and Cooperation Meeting 2018, and chronicle 10 years of Guangdong-Macao food safety cooperation. The Parties shall enhance exchanges between Guangdong and Macao on food safety and risk management, and facilitate technical training and exchanges and cooperation between regulatory authorities and professionals from Guangdong and Macao;

50. Optimise the liaison mechanism between Zhuhai and Macao for temporary closure of Lotus Flower Bridge during potentially disastrous meteorological events such as typhoons;

51. Encourage and support Macao residents to start innovative business ventures in Guangdong, begin developing a regional doctorate and post-doctorate entrepreneur incubation centre, continue organising the Community Entrepreneur Cup – Guangdong Entrepreneurship and Innovation Competition, and explore the feasibility of establishing a competitive business zone in Macao;

52. Jointly enhance cooperation in the development of the Macao Youth Entrepreneurship Valley in Hengqin, Nansha Innovation Valley – a culture and innovation community for young people from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao (Huizhou) Youth Entrepreneur Centre – to encourage young people of Guangdong and Macao to jointly establish innovative businesses;

53. Work in tandem with the MSAR government's tuition fee subsidy scheme, to support Macao students studying in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in Guangdong, and support inter-institution exchanges between primary and secondary schools and vocational colleges in

Guangdong and Macao; and

54. Continue implementing the “Youth Concentric Plan” exchange and cooperation project, and Guangdong-Macao sister school exchanges, and support various formats of national awareness experience and innovative business venture exchange and cooperation activities for young people from Guangdong and Macao.

V. Major Areas for Cooperation

(A) Fully Advance Development of and Cooperation Regarding Hengqin New Area

The Parties shall:

55. Continue to recommend that industrial projects develop in the Guangdong-Macao Cooperation Industrial Park, and enhance follow-up work on the projects receiving recommendations;

56. Speed up the project on relocation of the Cotai checkpoint (Lotus Flower checkpoint) to Hengqin, construction of the extension of the Macao light railway to Hengqin, and optimise supplementary facilities at Hengqin checkpoint;

57. Jointly explore arrangements for the social security and medical services for Macao residents in the integrated community to be built in Hengqin; and

58. Enhance creation of a demonstration region for talents in Hengqin, formulate policies for attracting talented people, set up a comprehensive services system for developing talents and business ventures, and encourage Macao residents to sit for the national examinations for accreditation of vocational skills.

(B) Expedite Cooperation Regarding Development of Cuiheng New District, Zhongshan

The Parties shall:

59. Facilitate project implementation through development of a joint venture between Zhongshan Municipal Government and a company designated by the Macao SAR Government;

60. Fully leverage Macao's functions as a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, promote exchanges and cooperation between Zhongshan and Portuguese-speaking countries, and make use of the Torch International Exhibition Center to facilitate the establishment of the Portuguese-speaking Countries Products Exhibition Centre in Zhongshan (Zhongshan Municipal Government); and

61. Promote cooperation between Zhongshan and Macao in the establishment of an innovation centre for young entrepreneurs from Macao and Zhongshan, support Macao young people with starting innovative business ventures in Zhongshan, and facilitate the establishment of an innovation and cooperation centre for young entrepreneurs from Guangdong and Macao in Cuiheng New District.

(C) Promote Construction of Jiangmen's Daguang Bay

The Parties shall:

62. Implement the Framework Agreement on Cooperation between Guangdong and Macao Regarding Construction of Daguang Bay and the Framework Agreement between the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Jiangmen Municipal People's Government regarding Intensified Cooperation on a Green Economy in the Guangdong-Macao (Jiangmen) Cooperation Demonstration Zone. The Parties shall jointly consider the implementation of planning and development of Guangdong-Macao (Jiangmen) Industrial Cooperation Demonstration Zone; and

63. Foster cooperation in tourism education and training between Macao's tourism institutions.

VI. Improve Cooperation Mechanisms

The Parties shall:

64. Enhance the advisory functions of the Guangdong and Macao strategic development task force, commence research on topics and policies related to key areas of Guangdong-Macao cooperation in participation of the “Belt and Road” initiative, and the planning and development of the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area, and facilitate cooperation and development in Guangdong and Macao; and

65. Strengthen non-governmental exchanges and cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, leverage the platform functions of the Guangdong Association for Promotion of Co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, and deepen industrial exchanges between the two regions.